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Assistant Director, ORE

8 March 1948

Deputy Director

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Provision of basic intelligence to [REDACTED]

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1. Reference is made to your letter of 4 March 1948, pertaining to the handling of information requests from [REDACTED]

2. We are in agreement with the suggestions of your Memorandum with one slight variance. The mission of [REDACTED] and its organization is such as to parallel your basic intelligence activities and certain activities of the Office of Operations. To our combined best interests in these fields it would appear more efficient if we established CIA as the chief [REDACTED] with US intelligence agencies.

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3. Our support [REDACTED] must not interrupt or delay our own production program. However, it is possible that we can assist them by utilizing not only our own finished basic intelligence but also provide support through the collection facilities of OCD.

4. The above is a departure from previous thought. Your comment is therefore requested on the following suggested measures relative a request [REDACTED]

a. The request to be forwarded, when received, directly to OCD.

b. OCD to first make request on ORE. That portion of the request which ORE can fill through the provision of finished basic intelligence material will be indicated by ORE.

c. OCD to then make request on other agencies for only that material which cannot be provided by ORE. Requests on other agencies to bear the notation that the request is made "At the request of and for dispatch to [REDACTED] if there is no objection on the part of the contributing department."

d. Subsequent to the determination by OCD of the extent to which the request can be met, OCD to prepare a reply to the original request, indicating what material is being forwarded and what is unobtainable.

5. We must also bear in mind the possibility that [REDACTED] can assist us in many ways. Requests should be made freely on [REDACTED] through the facilities of [REDACTED]

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OCD. Such a request should be made in the form of a letter prepared by OCD for the signature of the Director.

6. A copy of this Memorandum is being forwarded to the Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination for his comments.

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